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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please replace the claims with the following clean version of the following pending claims, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i).

A marked up version showing amendments to any claims being changed is provided in one or more accompanying pages separate from this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii). Any claim not accompanied by a marked up version has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version, except that marked up versions are not being supplied for any added claim or canceled claim.

19. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mandrel is a bullet-shaped mandrel.

20. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mandrel discharges air as the mandrel enters the flexible bag to facilitate bag placement.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 19 and 20 have been amended. Examination on the merits is requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE ACCOMPANYING  
RESPONSE TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OFFICE ACTION

In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows. Underlines indicate insertions  
and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mandrel is a bullet-shaped  
mandrel.

20. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mandrel is ~~a mandrel which~~  
discharges air as the ~~bullet~~ mandrel enters the flexible bag, ~~in order~~ to facilitate  
bag placement.

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